

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2497 - SB 2634

February 8, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes insurers licensed in Tennessee to issue accident and sickness policies that are currently approved for issuance by other states, but have not been approved in Tennessee. Defines "individual accident and sickness insurance policy." Requires the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance to approve accident and sickness policies if they meet specified requirements, and the insurer is authorized to transact business in Tennessee and other states. Requires such policies meet Department and National Association of Insurance Commissioner (NAIC) regulations. Authorizes the Commissioner to determine and monitor a policy's compliance with the regulations. Prohibits the policies from requiring arbitration to settle disputes. Requires specified disclosures in the policy applications. Requires the Commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations regarding such policies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the volume of filings is anticipated to increase as insurers seek approval of forms approved in other states. Such review can be accomplished utilizing existing resources.
- Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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